



# ***CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION***

*By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:*

## **VIRGINIA AGRICULTURE WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, for 400 years agriculture has played a vital role in Virginia, contributing significantly to the nourishment, growth, health and vitality of Virginia's citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, because Virginia agriculture utilizes advanced technology, innovative farming practices, vigorous marketing and dedicated effort, the citizens of the Commonwealth can continue to expect a reliable, nutritious, plentiful and reasonably priced food supply; and

**WHEREAS**, agriculture in the Commonwealth is a diversified industry with products encompassing livestock, field crops, fruits, vegetables, poultry, dairy, aquaculture, vineyards and more; and

**WHEREAS**, the mild climate and rich soil of Virginia provide an environment in which crops are harvested nearly year-round, from greens, spinach, asparagus and strawberries in the spring through cucumbers, raspberries, blackberries, blueberries, green beans, green peppers, sweet corn, squash, cantaloupes, nectarines, peaches, watermelons and tomatoes during the summer to apples, broccoli, grapes and pumpkins in the fall; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia's fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs provide delicious options, easy preparation and great variety, along with vitamins, minerals, fiber and antioxidants needed for good health, all without sodium, cholesterol or saturated fat; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia beef, poultry, pork, peanuts, seafood, dairy and eggs are protein-rich, nutrient-dense sources for outstanding flavor, adaptable to many recipes and cooking techniques; and

**WHEREAS**, by providing ready access to a large selection of delicious, nutritious, high quality foods, agriculture in the Commonwealth contributes great taste and good nutrition to every meal along with a strong foundation for making everyone in the state a healthy Virginian;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Timothy M. Kaine, do hereby recognize March 18 – 24, 2007 as **VIRGINIA AGRICULTURE WEEK** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



A stylized, handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, sweeping 'T' followed by a series of loops and a final flourish.

Governor

A handwritten signature in dark ink, written in a cursive style. The name 'Katherine F. Hanley' is clearly legible.

Secretary of the Commonwealth